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2 Groups Deny Tie To CIA

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Officials of two Greater Boston organizations named as parties to the CIA-NSA controversy, disclaimed Friday night any connection with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Atty. Herbert Burstein of New York City, counsel for the Richdale Foundation, said "The very concept of the CIA would frighten them to death." He referred to George A. and Manuel E. Isenman, both of Newton, and both named as trustees of the Richdale Foundation.

The Richdale organization was formerly known as the Beacon Fund, and as such was named in some reports as a conduit for CIA funds to the Independence Foundation, another Boston-based agency.

In answer to a question as to whether researchers for Ramparts magazine, which broke the story of the CIA-NSA affiliation, had approached the Beacon Fund trustees, Burstein said "as far as I know, no."

Burstein added, "Someone would have approached me immediately" if the trustees had been questioned.

Ernest Frawley, treasurer and a trustee of the International Marketing Institute, with offices in the Hotel Commander in Cambridge, also denied connection

the intelligence agency's support of the student association "until this week."

"There was no need for my knowing of it since it was being phased out when I joined the subcommittee," Bates said in explanation of his lack of knowledge of the tie-in.

The congressman said he couldn't see why everyone has to be so upset about this."

"The students asked for help and he government gave it to them. It is the function of the CIA to protect against infiltration.

"I'm pleased that NSA was so successful in combating the tremendous efforts of the Soviets to infiltrate. Student groups," Bates said.

Bates also confirmed reports that every administration since 1952 had known of the link between the students and the CIA.

In a joint statement issued ^{earlier}, Bates and Armed Services Committee Chairman Mendel Rivers commended the CIA for its cooperation with the student organization.

They also praised the NSA for "courage and dedication in preventing the Communists from taking over student groups.

Bates said he was not troubled about the CIA-NSA alliance or other tie-ins which might be disclosed in the future.

"It's the nature of their (CIA) job to protect us. They were and are doing their job.